certain restrictions on export of basic materials in such cases; and

(f) if so, what is the policy in this regard and what are the names of such basic materials which have been banned or restricted for export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes Sir. The Export Policy has been framed in such a way that most of the items including basic raw materials are freely exportable. A limited number of items are subject to export control with a view to avoid internal shortage, conserve national resources, and to protect environment.

(b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Commerce takes review from time to time to encourage the export of end products. For example, the export of hides and skins will no longer be allowed for export because the country has developed a potential for exporting finished leather and other end products.

(c) and (d) An examination of this aspect is continuously made but no exhaustive list is available. Most of the basic raw materials such as seeds, vegetable oil, mineral ores and concentrates, metals and their components, chemicals raw hides and skins, paper grade pulp including bamboo pulp, wool waste, metals, silver salts, silver chemicals and components, metallurgical residues, pulses of all types etc., are not allowed for export.

(e) The scheme of restrictions on export of basic raw materials is available in the Export Policy. Certain basic materials are exported on the merits of each case, some are subject to canalisation, some are not allowed for export at all, some are under ceiling and some are allowed under OGL subject to certain conditions.

(f) The names and the categories of such basic materials which are not allowed or restricted for export are mentioned in the three schedules and six appendices to the Export Policy, copy of which is available in the Rajya Sabha Library.

Violation of FERA Provisions by Industrial Houses

2047. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the period 1984-89, several industrial houses violated the FERA provisions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there was any violation of the FERA provisions by Ambani group of companies (Reliance etc.) during these years;

(d) if so, whether any action was taken by Government against these companies for the violations;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if not, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contract Labour for Scavenging/sweeping work in Nationalised Banks in Bombay

2048. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scavenging/sweeping work in nationalised banks in Bombay is entrusted to labourers on contract basis, (daily wages);

(b) whether it is also a fact that these labourers are not given the benefit of provident fund, gratuity earned leave etc;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the number of such contract labourers in the Bank of Baroda?